

impression force is created by the method of claim 10 upon contacting of the plates. Therefore, Applicants assert that restriction should not be required.

However, Applicants elect to continue consideration of Invention I. set forth in claims 1-8. Applicants will cancel claims 9-15 in response to the next Office Action if, after the Examiner's consideration of the present remarks, it is decided that the restriction requirement should stand.

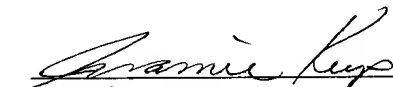
CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that all points of the Office Action of November 14, 2002 have been addressed. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction and further consider the patentability of the claims. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned at 404.954.5040.

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